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SUBJECT--BERNARD BENSON, GENERAL COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NAAS

- 1. WE HAVE RECEIVED CALL FROM BANK OF AMERICA IN SAN FRANCISCO WHICH INDICATES BENSON IS USING YOUR NAME IN SUPPORT OF HIS EFFORTS TO FIND EXTRA CAPITALIZATION NEEDED BY HIS FIRM. HE CLAIMS THAT DEAL HE IS SEEKING WITH GOI IS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO US-IRANIAN RELATIONS AND HAS YOUR SUPPORT. BANK OF AMERICA FINANCES SHERRITY LEASING CORPORATION WHICH BUYS MUCH GENERAL COMPUTER SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT BUT IS RELUCTANT TO FINANCE FURTHER PURCHASES OF SUCH EQUIPMENT UNTIL GENERAL HAS SOLVED ITS OWN FINANCING PROBLEMS.
- 2. WE HAVE TOLD BANK THAT WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY USG INTEREST IN BENSON'S DEAL BEYOND OUR GENERAL INTEREST IN SEEING US COMPANIES MAKE PROFITABLE EXPORT DEALS. SISCO

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